

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. 10/809020  
Applicant Dana Craig Bookbinder, et al  
Filed March 24, 2004  
Title METHODS FOR PROTECTING  
SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE AND INHIBITING  
BREAKS DURING DRAWING  
OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND  
SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE PROTECTED  
AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING  
PARTICULATES  
  
TC/A.U. 1796  
Examiner Moore, Margaret G.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this paper and/or fee or charge authorization is being transmitted to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, via:

- ☐ Express Mail Post Office to Addressee service of the United States Postal Service under 37 CFR §1.10 (Express Mail Label No. \_\_\_\_\_);  
☐ depositing with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail under 37 CFR §1.8;  
☐ Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR §1.6(d) (Facsimile No. \_\_\_\_\_);  
☒ the Electronic Filing System of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR §1.6(a)(4)

on December 11, 2008.

  
Robert L. Carlson

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.